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German Coffee!

Berries from asparagus plants
are now being collected in
Germany as a substitute for coffee.
Gathered when ripe and red, and
washed and dried and left until
they get hard, they are said to
make, when roasted and ground,
an "excellent" beverage closely
resembling genuine coffee.

A Penang Wedding.

Penang, Dec. 11.—The wedding
took place at St. George's church
to-day of the manager of Hatten-
bach's electrical department to
Miss Beatrice Rickett, sister of
Mr. F. B. Rickett of the Hong-
kong bank, who gave her away.
Mrs. A. K. Watson was Matron of
honour and Mr. L. D. Sharpin
best man. The Colonial Chaplain
officiated.

Acetylene Gas Explosion.

Liverpool, Nov. 17.—Between
three and four o'clock this after-
noon a serious accident occurred
at the South-end works of Messrs.
H. and O. Grayson, Ltd., Wap-
sing, Liverpool, whereby about
20 workmen were seriously in-
jured and were removed to the
Royal Southern Hospital. Three of
the men were able to proceed to
their homes after treatment, but
the remainder are in-patients. It
is believed that the accident was
caused by the bursting of an
acetylene gas bottle, but pending
investigations the cause of the
accident must be more or less
problematical.

Coal Supplies of Brazil.

Commercial Attache Mr. C.
Downs, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,
states:—A statement published
by the Lloyd Brasileiro, giving
data regarding the supplies of
coal held by the company in Para,
Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro,
Florianopolis, Rio Grande, and
Monte Video, in transit to those
ports, shows a total of 47,771 tons.
It is stated that the stock of Rio
de Janeiro (24,550 tons) is the
largest in Brazil and was acquired
at 20.05 dols. a ton, the current
price being 22dols. It is further
stated that no orders for coal are
pending at present but that bids
will soon be solicited by the di-
rectorate of the company. In 1915
the company imported 151,322
tons of coal from New York.

The Abolition of Likin.

The Cabinet has lately devoted
much attention to the two im-
portant questions, namely, the
abolition of Likin to be compen-
sated by an increase in
customs duty, and the revision of
commercial treaties with the
foreign Powers. Some methods of
procedure have been adopted, as
follows:—(1) The Ministry of For-
eign Intercoarse and the Ministry
of Agriculture jointly to form a
Commission to study the treaties.
(2) To establish a commission to
ascertain whether the reduction
resulting from an increased
custom tariff will be sufficient to
cover the Likin tax when aboli-
shed, or not. (3) To appoint special
envoys to foreign courts asking
for consent. (4) To appoint a
special commissioner or two for
the revision of commercial
treaties.

The Late Mr. F. G. Machado.
The death occurred at the
Shanghai General Hospital on the
17th inst. of Mr. F. G. Machado
who has been for thirty-six
years a resident of Shanghai, and
who for a score of years was
British Postmaster there. Mr.
Machado joined the British postal
service at Hongkong in 1857 and
13 years later, in 1870, was made
British Postmaster at Yokohama, in
the days of extra-territorial juris-
diction there, in which office he held
10 years. In 1880 he was appointed
British Postmaster at Shanghai
and served in that capacity until
1910, when he was retired on a
pension, and since which time he
has lived a retired life there. Since
he came to Shanghai in 1880, 36
years ago, it is believed he has
made his name as a "Pillar of the
Community" who was in his
82nd year, known and respected
and one who died peacefully.

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having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of cargo by her
are hereby informed that all goods
are being landed at their risk into
the hazardous and/or extra
hazardous Godowns of the Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited,
whence, and/or from the wharves,
delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected by us in any case what-
ever.

Owing to an outbreak of Fire
on board this vessel at Port
Swettenham a General Average
Contribution of 10 per cent. will
be collected.

The General Average Bond
will require to be signed and
deposits made before counter-
signature of Bills of Lading can
be given.

Goods not cleared by the 27th
instant at 5 p.m. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed and dam-
aged packages are to be left in
the Godowns where they will be
examined by Messrs. Godard &
Douglas on the 23rd instant at
10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer for
damage due to ordinary handling
must be presented within 15 days
of arrival otherwise they will not
be recognised.

JARDINE, MATHESON
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1916.

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Consignees per Co.'s Steamer
"TYDEUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo
will be discharged into Holt's
Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie
at Consignee's risk. The Cargo
will be ready for delivery from
Godown on and after 23rd
December.

Optional cargo will be landed,
unless notice has been given prior
to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and dam-
aged goods are to be left in the Go-
downs, where they will be examin-
ed on any Tuesdays and Fridays
between the hours of 10.45 a.m.
and noon within the free storage
period.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the
29th December, will be subject
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before the 11th
January, or they will not be
recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

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EVENING CLASSES for
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Shorthand are now in progress
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A CLASS FOR BEGINNERS
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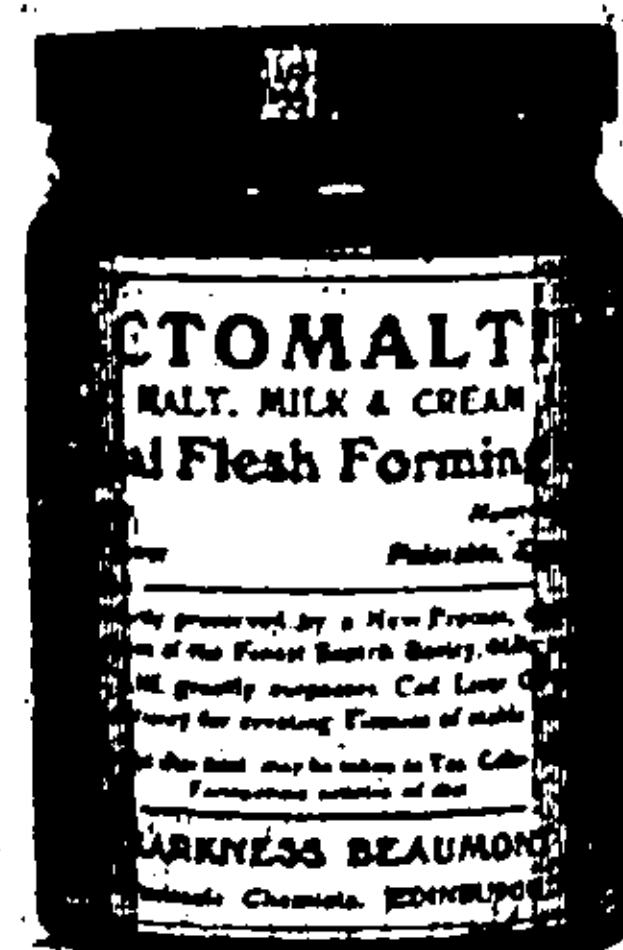
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Sore, Ringworm, Boils, Pimples, Eruptions
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don't waste your time and money on
any other medicine, but get the only
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the poisonous matter which alone is the true
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Offices in King's & York
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Houses in Clifton Gardens,
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Houses on Shumee, Canton.
Apply to:—

THE HONGKONG LAND IN-
VESTMENT & AGENCY
Co., Ltd.

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TO BE LET.—Houses in Au tin
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TO LET.—From 1st May,
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Mess," No. 8 the Peak.
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SILVER MOUNTED MA-
LACCA CANE were taken away
in error from the University
after the recent Conregation on
December 14th, and if returned
to the University will be restored
to their owners.

LOST from 3, MacDonnell
Road, on the 1st inst. a
smooth-haired FOX-TERRIER
DOG, aged four months. An-
swers to name of "Pup." Mark-
ing:—White body, black head.
Liberal reward given for return.
Telephone 2.61, Sawyer.

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REDEMPTION of the whole of the 195 Debentures being
the remaining part of an issue of Three hundred and
ninety—(390) eight per cent. Second Mortgage Debentures of One
hundred dollars (\$100. 0) Hongkong Currency each issued by the
above named Company on the Fifteenth day of April One thousand
nine hundred and twelve.

TAKE NOTICE that the above named Company will in pursuance
of the power reserved to it by Clause 3 of the conditions
endorsed on the Debentures of the above Series redeem the whole
of the One hundred and ninety-five (195) Debentures the numbers of
which are hereunder set forth being the remaining part of an issue
of Three hundred and ninety (390) eight per cent. Second Mortgage
Debentures of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) Hongkong Currency
each held by you at the expiration of Six calendar months from the
date of this Notice, that is to say on THURSDAY the TWENTY
FIRST day of JUNE One thousand nine hundred and seventeen at
which date all principal and interest will be paid to you on the
presentation and surrender of the Debentures at the Registered
Office of the Company being the Offices of the undersigned situated
at Prince's Buildings Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong.

The numbers of the particular Debentures remaining to be paid
off are as follows:—

2	22	71	110	153	193	236	281	326	362
3	32	72	112	155	195	238	284	329	364
4	33	73	113	156	197	239	286	333	365
5	35	76	114	157	198	240	291	334	366
6	36	82	116	162	199	243	292	335	368
8	39	83	124	165	200	245	293	336	371
9	40	84	124	167	201	247	298	337	372
11	42	86	129	168	205	249	299	338	374
15	43	87	129	169	214	250	303	341	378
16	47	90	131	171	215	251	304	342	380
17	50	91	132	172	218	254	307	343	382
18	53	93	136	173	221	256	309	344	383
19	54	94	137	176	222	259	314	347	386
20	57	96	138	177	223	261	316	348	387
21	61	97	139	178	226	262	317	351	389
24	61	99	140	180	227	266	318	352	
25	65	105	142	185	228	271	320	353	
26	66	106	145	189	229	272	322	356	
27	68	108	143	191	232	277	324	359	
28	70	109	152	192	233	281	325	361	

Dated this 19th day of December, 1916.

JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER,

Secretaries.

To Messrs Francis Collins Barlow,

Charles Ricou and Arthur Cameron Millar.

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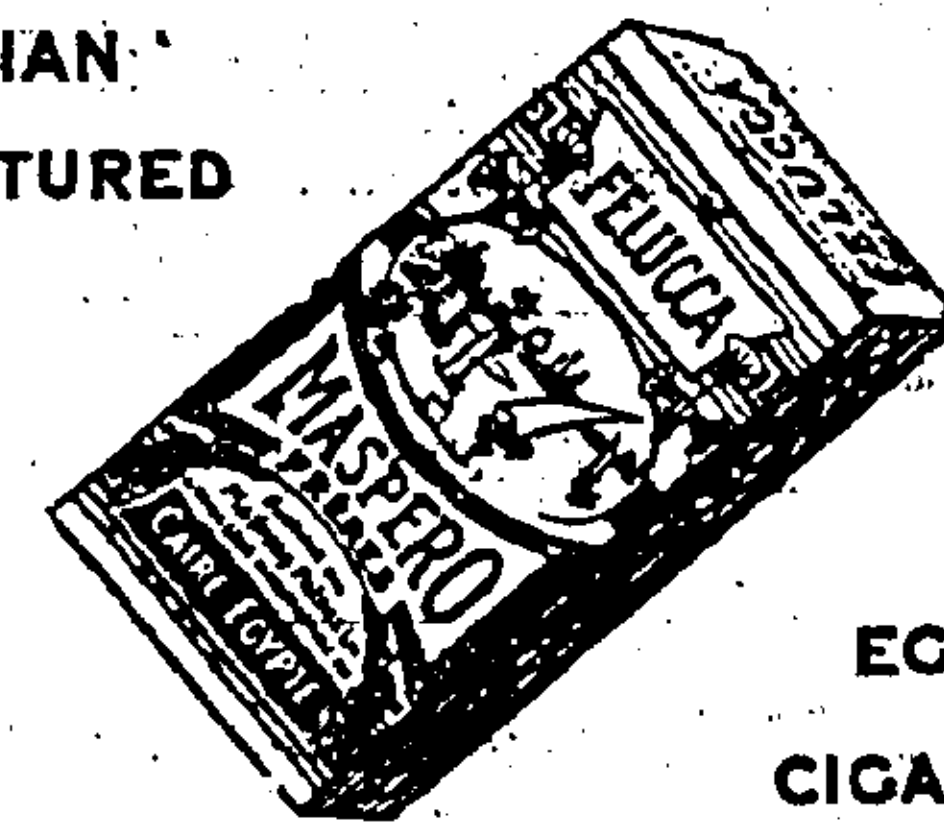
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1916.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

Is not the world—or an appreciable section of it—inclined to excite itself unduly over what has been termed, for want of a better name, Germany's "peace proposals"? Because our enemy threw out another feeler a few days ago, the Japanese and American stock markets must needs be convulsed for the moment, the President of the United States must occupy himself in the only department wherein he appears to have been at all a success—that of penning Notes—and the British and American press must discuss the position as solemnly as though the world promised to stand or fall according to whether these "peace proposals" were entered into or declined with thanks. But Germany has had her answer; then what need is there for Dr. Woodrow Wilson to vex his soul in the matter. Reduced to its lowest terms, the situation becomes this: Germany, uneasy at the thorough overhaul which Entente politics have been undergoing during the past fortnight, asks her enemies on what terms they are willing to make peace. The reply is "restitution and reparation." Since then the Central Powers have not ceased their various military and naval operations, and therefore we are bound to assume that they are not yet prepared to agree to the terms asked.

There, but for President Wilson's anxiety to appear in the international limelight for an hour or two, the matter might have ended, and the "proposals" might have been packed away with the other two or three dozen attempts at "peace" which our disheartened opponents have made. But the President of the United States suddenly discovers that he has never been formally made aware of what we are fighting about; he therefore assumes, with Jovial impartiality, that "Pompey and Caesar are very much alike—especially Pompey," and proceeds to show us how fair a thing it would be if we and Germany would but shake hands and each own to having been in the wrong throughout. He incidentally tells the world, to all intents and purposes, that the contestants were not altogether vicious in resorting to arms. "Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of the weak peoples and small States as secure from aggression and denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful belligerent States." Each side! Is the man mad or is he, without exception, the greatest hypocrite on earth? But perhaps he was sleeping when Germany, without one shred of excuse, marched her forces into Belgium—a country that was not in the least concerned with the issue between France and Russia on the one side and the Central Powers on the other. And perhaps he is still not aware of the "Small nations must go" doctrine, so zealously poured into the ears of the modern German student by the devoted disciples of Nietzsche and Treitschke.

Whether President Wilson's disease is hypocrisy, madness or ignorance, matters really very little to the people of the Entente countries. They know what they are fighting for; they know what they mean to have; and America's opinion, likes or dislikes, are very secondary considerations indeed. Whatever Dr. Wilson's personal views in the matter may be, we are very well satisfied that the average fair-minded and really thinking American is wholeheartedly convinced that our cause is a just one and that, in time to come, the United States will be constrained to admit that her own rights, as well as those of the Entente countries, are being secured by the sacrifices that the Allies are making to-day. Even now she has to own that there are enough Germans in her territory to subdue the entire country in a week. What chance, then, would she have stood against the whole of Germany? Had Britain set by and allowed Germany to work her will in France and Belgium, it would assuredly have been America's turn next to feel the "mallet fist."

The Kaituma Petition.

The Government is now in possession of the petition which has been drawn up for the removal of the Lill which blocks communication between Nathan and Coronation Roads in Kowloon, and for the improvement of the water supply to certain of the older houses on the peninsula. We understand that the petition has been signed by 427 persons, all of whom are either residents or property-owners in Kowloon or residents of Hongkong. These people made a special request to be allowed to sign the document, holding that the points raised are of such importance to the Colony at large that the petition deserved general support. The request therefore comes to the Government with the backing of over four hundred persons whose only desire is to see a very necessary improvement carried into effect. No systematic canvass has been out; if there had been, the number of signatures would, without a doubt, have been even larger still. The strong point about the petition is that it does not ask for a fresh vote of money for putting the suggestions of the signatories into effect. Already a sum of \$125,000 has been provisionally set aside for improvements to roads further out into the New Territory, and while these improvements may be very desirable, it certainly cannot be contended, with reason, that they are so essential as the removal of the big obstruction which prevents communication between the two thoroughfares named.

The Financial Side.

The clearing away of this bill was considered pressing by the Government so far back as 1911, and its accomplishment is certainly more than ever necessary at the present time. The grounds cited in the petition as to why the matter should be taken in hand are sufficiently conclusive in themselves as not to require elaboration, but, so far as the financial side of the question is concerned, it should surely be possible to postpone some of the less urgent work in the New Territories and to devote the money set aside therefor to this other and more beneficial project. We commend that point to the serious consideration of the authorities. As to the question of the water supply, those who have lived on the other side of the harbour know only too well the inconveniences caused through the inadequate pressure in the mains. That shortcoming would be overcome if the hill mentioned were removed—a fact which, of itself, provides a sufficient reason for the work being taken in hand. We trust that the Government will view this petition as a sincerely-meant public demand, and, regarding it as such, will concede the reasonable request which the petitioners are putting forward.

Lekin Taxes.

Though we have learnt to expect very little from reports to the effect that the Chinese Government is "considering" this question or that, it is at any rate something to be thankful for that the authorities in Peking have once again had under notice the possibility of abolishing the lekin impost and of counter-balancing such a step by increasing the Customs duties. But that is about as far as the matter seems to have been taken, excepting that it has been decided to form Commissions "to study the Treaties" and to ascertain whether sufficient funds can be obtained from the increased Customs levies to make up for what would be lost if lekins were abandoned. Why all this "studying" should be necessary, we should very much like to know. From the Chinese Government's point of view alone, it would surely be far better that revenue, all of which would find its way to Peking, should be obtained through the Customs, the administration of which is honestly conducted, than that trade should be hampered by the exactions of untrustworthy officials and only a small part of such exactions ever drift into the State coffers. The lekin taxes have long been the curse of business in China. Then, why hesitate to abolish them?

DAY BY DAY.

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The Mail.
Australian Mail.—Closed per s.s. Eastern at 9 a.m. to-day.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.13/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 11th anniversary of the launching of the Tanabe, the first armoured cruiser built in Japan.

Returned.
Mr. W. S. Brown, Secretary of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, returned by the Empress of Russia.

Allice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Allice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—Kwang Fong Wo, \$30; Shin Fong Hong, \$30; To Sze Tun, \$20; Wai Kat Bank, \$20; Foo Yik Pang, \$25.

Possession of Ammunition.
A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of 2,300 odd rounds of revolver ammunition. Mr. Shenton, who appeared for the defence, said the stuff had been left on a boat by another man who gave defendant \$3. A fine of \$1,000, or four months' imprisonment, was inflicted.

Exporting Silver Dollars.
There were no less than 15 charges of attempting to export Hongkong silver dollars without first having a permit, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court this morning. Many of those charged did not put in appearance, their bail besides the money forming the subject of the charge being forfeited. Others pleaded ignorance. The amounts ranged from \$8 to \$105. One defendant said he did not know how to go about getting a permit. A nominal penalty of \$1 was inflicted in all the cases except in those instances in which the bail was estreated.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCH.

St. John's Cathedral.

At St. John's Cathedral the Christmas festivities began with a carol service on Sunday evening. The church was very beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery, and the congregation was a large one. On Christmas Day the various services were again well attended, the preacher at Morning Prayer being the Bishop of Victoria.

St. Andrew's.

Well-attended services were the rule at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Christmas Eve and Day. Carols were sung on Sunday, and there was Morning Prayer, with sermon by the Rev. N. C. Pope yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

Catholic Services.

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception the customary Midnight Mass was sung on Christmas Eve, the building being, as usual, very crowded. The Mass was preceded at 10.30 p.m. by the recitation of the Office. Midnight Mass was also celebrated at the Church of the Holy Rovers, Kowloon. At St. Joseph's Church, at the 10 o'clock Mass on Christmas Day, the service was fully choral, with orchestral accompaniment. The church was filled, soldiers and sailors being very much in evidence. Mass was sung by the Rev. Father Augustine, who was also the preacher. At the Offertory *Adagio* (Novello's version) was beautifully sung. It should be added that the decorations were very effective, especially a tastefully-arranged creche placed at the side entrance of the building.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

OUR TRADE IN CHINA.

Wanted—A Sane Consular Service.

[Below we give the first of a series of articles on trade opportunities in China, written specially for the "Telegraph" by an acknowledged authority on the subject.]

Two years ago, Britain was ringing with the cry of capturing German trade. A year later, the cry of "business as usual" was heard throughout the land, and not until very recently has the call for reorganisation ceased to be heard.

Whilst we have talked a great deal of what we hope to do, it would be as well for us to examine briefly what we have done, and what others have done, during the war to aid us in realising what remains for us to do before we can regain our own trade, let alone capture anyone else's. A few years ago, American effort in China was considered as a joke; their Consular service was much on a par with ours for inefficiency, and generally they could not be considered to be on a par with either Japan, Germany or Belgium in the commercial affairs of the East. To-day all this is altered; the war has brought about a radical change, and the three houses of greatest potentiality in China to-day are all American; their Consular and Trade attaché service boasts one of the cleverest and best-educated men in China, and, in this article, it is proposed to sketch briefly what they have done to secure trade which was once German and British—and what we have not done.

The best known American house, now expanding, existed before the war as a Danish one; but at no time in the past ten years did its operations compare in bulk with the great British or German houses. In 1914 it was re-organised and put on a sound financial basis, and to-day it represents some forty or more American machinery and engineering firms of note, a steamship company, certain insurance houses, and a very few British firms. Its activities in conjunction with the International Bank afford an excellent lesson to British houses as to what modern method, modern organisation and modern ideas, dealt with by experts who have Chinese knowledge, will accomplish when handled in a cohesive way.

This Company has its agents as far up as Uru; it has sold a motor car even to the Living Buddha; it has its pony-buying stables at Kalgan, whence long strings of ponies are shipped down to the racing centres; it has established two carpet factories at Kalgan under foreign management, employing over one hundred and fifty Chinese who are faithfully copying the old Mongolian and Chinese rugs for the foreign markets. It has its wool-buying and cleaning establishment and its wool-packing works; it has its direct agents throughout Mongolia; it has, in Tientsin, secured the services of one of the best-known hides and pelts buyers, as it has secured in Kalgan the services of a gentleman who was until lately the Chinese Government Adviser on Mongolian affairs. It has, in Peking, men of the very highest knowledge in its financial and political department, which works in conjunction with the International Bank and the Legation. It has—or the bank has, and it is difficult for a layman to understand where the firm ends and the Bank begins, as it is the case with a certain British house—secured the services of perhaps the greatest sinologist in the East from a great Chinese Government service. Further, it has established itself in Shanghai on a huge scale with engineers in charge of half a dozen or more engineering departments, with piece goods, sundries, import and export specialists called from practically every great British, French, German, American and American firm in the East; it is interested in railroad concessions, mines, many industrial and other works; it has buildings, at this moment, a great spinning-mill for Tientsin, to be entirely fitted out with American machinery; it has its motor car department,

and no branch of industry seems too high or too low for it to enter. Another great American House has recently opened in Shanghai, whose capital, it is claimed, chiefly consists of profits made by the owners between the American manufacturers and the British and Allied Government. This house, which has already opened up branches in South America, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Russia, France and elsewhere, to advance the sale of American manufactured goods, states that it has already taken orders abroad for over two millions' sterling worth of American produce—other than war orders; and seems confident of being able to hold its market against all comers whether during or after the war.

Yet another house of the highest potentiality has established itself in Peking, Tientsin, Hankow and elsewhere, and, having long experience in Japan and powerful connections, proposes to work in China as importers, exporters and contracting engineers, using American and Japanese produce wholly. As is well known, the firm of Messrs Siebs, Carey and Co. have, through the influence of certain of its employees, already secured certain railroad and other concessions in China, and engineers are already surveying certain Southern railway concessions with a view to their being built with American capital. In addition to this, another well-known and old-established firm has, in the past few months, been pushing the sale of three famous American productions: a typewriter, a loom, and a weighing machine, until it seems impossible to visit any province, however remote, without seeing these three products either in pictures or in fact.

Whilst all this has been taking place, the American Legation and Consular Service have been undergoing a process of reorganisation, and to-day it would be difficult to find a more efficient or up-to-date Service in Asia. This Service, being used, as it is, purely for commercial aims, dispenses with the money appropriations that certain other Powers allow their Legations and Consular Services; but what it lacks in money it more than makes up for by the "vim" hard work, common sense, and good business ability displayed by its members. In contradistinction to the British Service, real ability is awarded in the American Service, common sense takes the place of precedent, and ordinary world-knowledge counts more than snobbishness.

The American Commercial Attache is one of the best educated men in China, that is to say, educated up to his post. He probably cannot conjugate Greek verbs or quote Sanskrit with the fluency and ease noticeable in certain British Consuls; but he can tell the enquirer at exactly what factory he can get a machine tool, a case of tinned salmon or a leather belt; he can tell you exactly what American factories can produce and what they cannot; and he hunts high and low to find samples of foreign products which his knowledge teaches him will be of use to his factories. He is under no misapprehension as to what Patriotism means; to him it means doing the utmost that lies in him to benefit American industry; pushing forward the sale of the productions of American factories, and seeing that all Americans are employed when the end of the war causes a cessation of world's productions. If it is necessary for the Attache to dine with business men—or even if it is not—he dines with them; he does not sit aloft like a tin god, neither knowing nor understanding them. The Minister has at times given dinners to great American manufacturers and great Chinese buyers. Can anyone think of a dinner more apt to be fraught with possibilities than one such as this—and or can anyone imagine the British Minister's doing such a useful act???

As if to help the Americans in what is so far as American houses and banks go a quite commendable desire to obtain foreign markets, our great houses seem bent on doing their utmost to introduce to Chinese buyers American goods, although all of them must be quite aware that, in so doing, they are running the risk of cutting off British manu-

factured goods and British produce from this market, as the Chinese are bent on moving from a "chop" once established.

Now this may be good business, but it is most dastardly patriotism. The big houses out here do not as a rule pay a great deal in income tax, and so forth, to the upkeep of the State; they do not constitute any great factor of national safety, they might once have done so when actual merchant trading existed, but those days are long past. Whilst they are ready to take all the protection and help they can obtain from British Consular and Legation Services, they appear to be under no restriction as regards pushing the sale of other countries' goods to the detriment of our factories, and they seem to have so little patriotism that they can calmly consider the result of this policy carried over a period of three or four years, which will unfailingly result in foreign goods being asked for in place of British, and in foreign marks and makes superseding British marks.

The American service may not be perfect; even the German service was not—to many Germans—a perfect one, although it was miles superior to ours; but the American, German and Japanese services, both private and public, have been PATRIOTIC—which ours never have been and are not now. The heads of great British houses in China frequently assert that they "do not require our Trade Services here to do as other Legation and Trade Services do." Why not? It is not a question for them; they do not defend the empire; they do not work in the factories at home. What affair is it of theirs? The workers, the men who are fighting in their millions, the men who left lathes and mill and plane, are the men to be consulted, the men to be considered, the men who and whose productions make our exports, whose work pays, or will help to pay, our national debt—not the men who show so little patriotism that they are ready and eager, for the sake of the miserable profit it brings, to do their utmost to substitute foreign goods for British on this and other markets at a time when every British subject and firm should be bending every effort to obtain connections that will put British goods and British work into the great open markets.

The days of such ideas should be done, and that they are not so; speak badly for our ideas of civilisation. We subscribe to the Belgians and other relief funds, but does anyone abroad ever give a thought to the conditions which must exist at the end of the war, if our foreign markets have, during the period of the war, been taken from us, and our trade supremacy lost? We give "sales of work" to help the wounded; the British Legation officials in Peking perform wonders in the way of amateur theatricals for the good cause; but no one here seems to look deeper, and to realise that we could best show our patriotism and our zeal for our country and its defenders by creating a really national and patriotic selling movement, to assure for all workers during their lives lasting employment at decent wages.

The war has taken much from us; but it has given us at least one industry thoroughly well organised and of tremendous possibilities. It has expanded the engineering industry of our country beyond that of our wildest dreams. It has trained two hundred thousand expert workers; it has taught at least another hundred thousand labourers practical machine-shop work, and it has created for us, on our land, the greatest industry equipped with miles of modern shops full of the most approved steel and iron working appliances.

Yesterday Manchester, in textiles, led British exports; but to-morrow this will be no longer true, for day by day the local production of textiles in the East is gradually keeping up with the demand, and the most devoted of us will see the finish of great exports of textiles—so far as cotton goes—from Britain. What we have to do, is to substitute engineering products for textile products; to open, and keep open, for ourselves all the markets that we possibly can; to arrange for

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direct sales by the organization of selling combines that will sell British products only in the great world markets; to reorganize our Consular Service before the end of the war; to create a Ministry of Commerce and Trade Commissionerships; to remove control of both Consular Service and Board of Trade Service from the Foreign Office; to put the whole organization in close touch with the factories and not a market conditions; and to educate our manufacturers up to the vital fact that it is not their ideas that rule or obtain in foreign markets, but the buyers' ideas—which are, nine times out of ten, made by our more powerful competitors. And all of this we should do before Peace!

If the war has taught us anything, it should be the vital necessity of organization before the event. If our people have not learnt this lesson, then it is apparent that nothing will ever teach it to them. If ordinary common sense and business acumen do not make it apparent to them that we must use the same means as our competitors find vital to enable them to create and hold foreign markets, then surely the prospect of turning the magnificent machine shops and arsenals into scrap iron at the end of the war—throwing out of employment the hundreds of thousands of working units whom the war has educated in productive facility, and preventing closed works to the returning heroes who have given everything to defend the country—should weigh with those of us that have lived in peace and security through the efforts of the masses at home. America is—as Germany was—fully convinced of the value of the East as an outlet for her machinery productions, and, in order to avail herself of the opportunity created, she has done much to organize, although she is in much the same position as we are; not through war order's absorbing her output, so much as through the difficulty of obtaining adequate freights.

America has used the last two years to organize not only in the East but in South America, Canada, Australia and every possible market. What have we done? We have at home made some steps towards doing something; but whatever we do at home matters nothing; it is what we do abroad. We have still the same loftiness of mind and disposition shown in the Legation to trade and everything connected therewith. Nothing to aid our marketing ability has been done; nothing to make our winning the military operations effective; nothing to prevent us from losing our foreign markets; and the parrot cry of "Win the War," preached by certain politicians to-day to the exclusion of everything else and every other consideration, will afford small comfort to those who return seeking work, or those who expect us to hold our supremacy in the world as a first class Power.

We have one Association of Engineers established abroad, with one office representing five hundred firms, and having a potential selling ability of—nil! We have another, with two offices representing some twenty firms that are compelled to sell, by their Articles of Association, through the merchant houses. And these, too, busy and indifferent themselves to seek out orders or to aid the country's trade and well being, have condescended to permit others with modern ideas to get the orders, which they will finance on their own terms. We have yet another and younger Association of Engineers, representing forty or more of our houses with three offices; and this met with anything but a cordial reception from the merchants who regarded its advent as an attempt at poaching on their preserve—which, be it noted, they made not the slightest effort to improve for the betterment of British factories. But we have not to-day one organization for selling worthy of us, or of the patriotism which our workers have shown in fighting for us and our land, even as we have no Consular or Trade Service worthy of our works or our people.

Already the Americans have, through their cohesive organizations and their "pathfinders," coupled with their admirable Consular and Legation Services, obtained the greatest selling organizations in steel products, sewing machines, paraffin oil and other products; and to-day it looks as if they are going to take the machinery and engineering products from all corners, just as the Japanese are taking the small sundries, wire, chemical and certain other trade. And what are we going to do? Talk about it? Are we going to win the war and lose our trade? Are we going to permit the fighters to starve and the highly-trained women to face the street? Are we going to wreck our economic well-being, or are we going to compel the Government to act, the merchants to be patriotic, the manufacturers to be reasonable, and the Consular and Trade Services to use common sense and ordinary ability? The questions still await reply after twenty-eight months of war; and the patience of the fighters is growing thin.

MORNET.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

KONINKLIJKE PAKET-VAART MAATSCHAPPIJ OF BATAVIA, JAVA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From BELAWAN DELI, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by January 1st, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 2nd January 1917, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1916.

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Cargo remaining undelivered on 25th December, at noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 29th December, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 5th January, 1917, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after the 6th January, 1917.

T. DAIGO,

Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1916.

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NOTICE.

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T. DAIGO, Agent, The Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Hongkong.

JEBSEN & CO. in liquidation.

CREDITORS are required to send in their claims to the Undersigned on or before MONDAY the 15th January 1917. Dated the 20th December, 1916. W. M. HUMPHREYS, No. 16, Queen's Road, Central, Liquidator.

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Announces a free lecture on CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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FRIDAY, December

29th, 1916,

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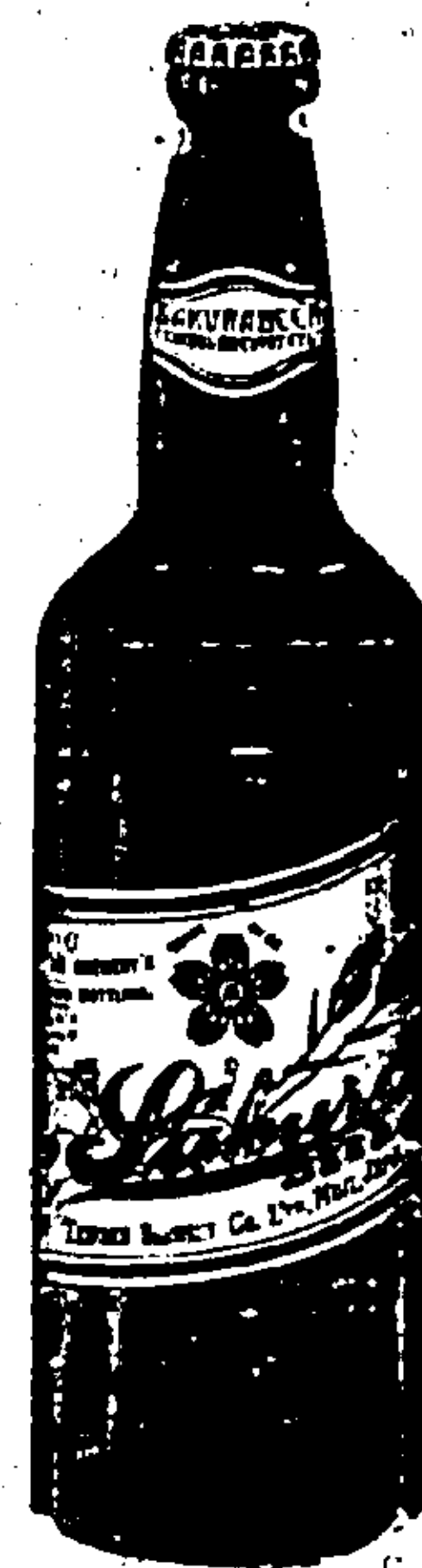
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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday the Fifth day of January 1917, at twelve o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the Fifteenth day of December, 1916, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions—

(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2.50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Dated this Ninth day of December, 1916.

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1 "	Vino de Paste Sherry	"	
1 "	Peppermint G. F. small	"	
1 "	D.O.M. small	"	
1 "	Old Tom Gin	"	
1 phial	Pomeranzan Bitters	"	
No. 3 Hamper			
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1 "	Peppermint small	"	
1 "	D.O.M.	"	
2 "	Rich Old Port	"	
2 "	Perfection Whisky	"	
1 "	20 years Old Brandy	"	
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THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.
Projected Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to Alteration

Destination.	Steamers.	Sailing Date
LONDON via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Delagoa Bay, Cape Town, Teneriffe.	Kamo Maru Capt. R. Shimidzu T. 16,000 Kashima Maru Capt. K. Inadzu T. 21,000	THURS, 28th Dec., at noon. THURS, 4th Jan., at noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama.	Shidzuoka Maru Capt. Noma T. 12,500 Kamakura Maru T. 12,500 Capt. S. Kawashima	WED, 3rd Jan., at noon. TUES, 23rd Jan., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane.	Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,600 Aki Maru T. 13,500 Capt. K. Yoshikawa	TUES, 16th Jan., at 11 a.m. TUES, 13th Feb., at 11 a.m.
CUTTACK via Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, BOMBAY via S'pore, Malacca & Cebu.	Tosa Maru Capt. O. Sakamoto T. 10,000 Yorofu Maru Capt. S. Hirata T. 8,000 Bombar Maru Capt. S. Shinohara T. 8,000 Kiri Maru Capt. T. Sasaki T. 8,000 Aisuta Maru Capt. K. Itsuno T. 16,000 Aki Maru T. 13,500 Capt. K. Yoshikawa Moyori Maru Capt. M. Taniguchi T. 8,000	SUNDAY, 31st Dec. (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.)
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama.	Aisuta Maru Capt. K. Itsuno T. 16,000 Aki Maru T. 13,500 Capt. K. Yoshikawa Moyori Maru Capt. M. Taniguchi T. 8,000	SATUR, 13th Jan., at 10 a.m. THURS, 11th Jan., at 10 a.m. (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.)
NAGASAKI, Kobe and Yokohama.	Aki Maru T. 13,500 Capt. K. Yoshikawa Moyori Maru Capt. M. Taniguchi T. 8,000	THURS, 11th Jan., at 10 a.m. (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.) (SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.)
KOBE	Moyori Maru Capt. M. Taniguchi T. 8,000	(SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.)
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Steamer.	Displacement	Tons & Speed	Leave Hongkong
Nippon Maru	11,000	15 knots	4th Jan. 1917.
Shinyo Maru	22,000	21 knots	15th Jan.
Persia Maru	9,000	14 knots	27th Jan.
Korea Maru	18,000	18 knots	10th Feb.
Siberia Maru	18,000	18 knots	25th Feb.
Tenyo Maru	22,000	21 knots	6th Mar.

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HAIPHONG	Kailong	27th Dec. at 10 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Tea	27th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, SINGAPORE	Luchow	28th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Shantung	28th Dec. at 4 p.m.

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Steamer	From	Departure on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjilatjap	KOBE	24th Dec.	27th Dec.	JAVA & MAKASSAR
Tjimanok	SHANGHAI	24th Dec.	28th Dec.	JAVA
Tjitaroom	JAVA	26th Dec.	30th Dec.	SHANGHAI
Tjilliwong	JAVA & MAKASSAR	28th Dec.	2nd Jan.	KOBE

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Steamships. Captain Leaving.
Haitan..... A. E. Hodgins... THUR, 28th Dec. at 11 a.m.

FOR SWATOW.
Haitan..... A. E. Hodgins... SUN, 24th Dec. at 10 a.m.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake's Pier).
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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

(Projected Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to Alteration).

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Kwongsang	Thur, 28th Dec. at 4 p.m.
KOBE & Moji	Kumsang	Thur, 28th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Yusang	Thur, 28th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Choyang	Fri, 29th Dec. at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Fri, 29th Dec. at 4 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat, 30th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Fri, 5th Jan. at noon.
MANILA	Yusang	Sat, 6th Jan. at 3 p.m.

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The steamers Kumsang, Namsang, Lalsang and Fooksang, leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Japan, returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. Time occupied 20 days.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Prize Fund for Italian Seamen.
Italian ships of over 500 tons are to pay a tax of one-tenth per cent. of their value in order to constitute a prize fund for the crews of the Italian merchant vessels who defend their ships from the attacks of enemy war-ships.

The Asia and the Russia.
It is reported, says "Shipping and Engineering" that the two Empress boats now on the Pacific, the Russia and Asia, will be transferred to the Atlantic after the close of the war. Their places on the local trade will be taken by two smaller vessels of about 12,000 tons which are now under charter to the Admiralty.

Pacific Mail Suit.
Mr. Paul Scharrenberg, on November 8 began a suit in the United States District Court to have the Pacific Mail Steamship Company fined \$43,000 G. for alleged violations of the contract labour provisions of the immigration laws.

It is set forth in the complaint that forty-three alien Chinese were engaged at Hongkong, September 19, as seamen for the Pacific Mail liner Venezuela, and brought to San Francisco on the Persia Maru, replacing the American saloon staff which was paid off here on the vessel's arrival. At that port, it is claimed, the men were transferred to the Venezuela, on October 23. The law provides a penalty of \$1,000 for each violation of the contract labour provisions. A previous suit by Mr. Scharrenberg was decided against him, as the company sued showed the Chinese had never set foot on American soil.

Dutch Steamship Companies.
The Dutch steamship companies, in common with other neutrals, have seized their opportunity to open out into new channels, and important changes have taken place in the mercantile fleet since the beginning of the war.

The "Journal of Commerce." The Java-China-Japan Line opened a new steamship service between Java and San Francisco, via Manila and Hongkong. The Royal Dutch Steamship Co. established a service from the Netherlands to the West Coast of South America via the Panama Canal; this new service was, however, handicapped by the temporary closing of the canal. The Holland America Line also established a steamship service to the West Coast of South America, and the Nederl. Ned. Steamship Co. opened one from New York to the Dutch East Indies via the Philippine Islands.

Six small steamship companies with eight steamers dissolved and sold their ships. Eight new steamship companies with steamers have already been put into service while others are in course of construction.

In the following table is shown the number of steamers added in 1915, and the number under construction for the leading Dutch steamship lines:-

Added in 1915 Under Construction
No. Tons. No. Tons.

Holland-America Line 3 16,471 3 48,000
Rotterdam Lloyd — — 6 44,800
Royal Packet Co. — — 6 15,230 1 6,900

Royal Dutch Lloyd — — 1 9,335 — —
Royal Dutch Steamship Co. — — 14 57,550
Turner Co. — — 3 14,100

Royal West Indian Mail Service — — 3 18,973 2 8,409
Gabr. van Uden — — 1 3,503 11 24,300

Shipping and Coal Co. — — 4 5,147 5 8,800
The above statement does not include the additions of the smaller companies and individual shipowners. The total increase in tonnage of the Dutch mercantile fleet, after deducting the tonnage of ships lost, sold, etc., was 6,799, while the number of ships was nine less than at the end of 1914.

Forty-six steamers were added to the fleet, but 55 were taken off the Dutch registers, against an increase of 27 vessels measuring 149,004 tons in 1914. The total number of ships in course of construction in 1915 amounted to 71, measuring 251,770 tons against 41 ships measuring 215,482 in 1914 nearly all of which, with one or two exceptions, were being built in Dutch shipyards.

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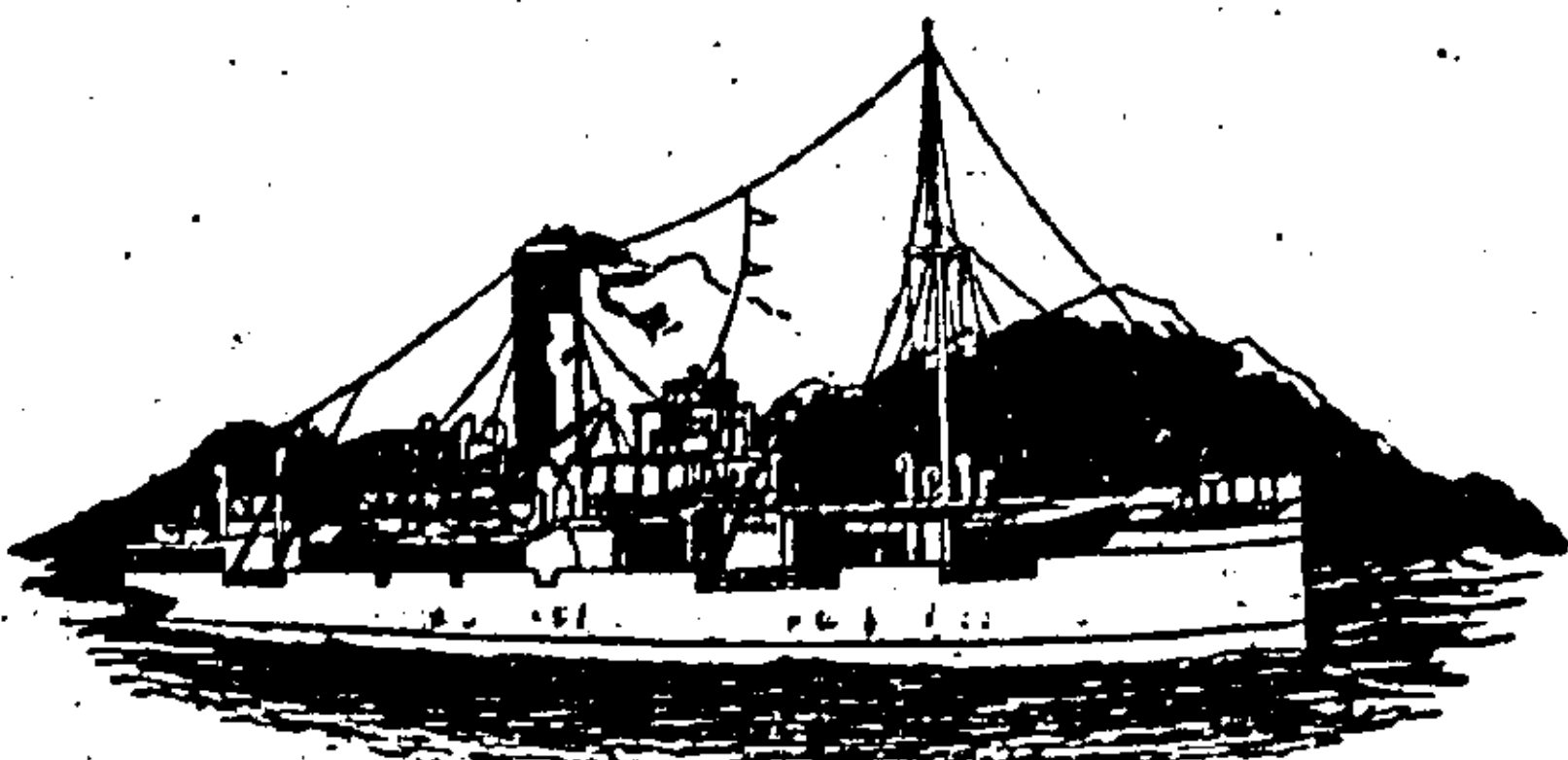
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London via Ports	Novara	P. & O.	29, Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Euryptus	B. & S.	31, Dec.
Genoa	Merchire	J. M. Co.	Dec.
London via Ports	Kashima M.	K. Y. K.	4, Jan.
London via Ports	Peleus	B. & S.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	O. of Madras	B. L.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	Tenouer	B. & S.	10, Jan.
London via Ports	Somali	P. & O.	17, Jan.
Liverpool via Ports	Tydeus	B. & S.	20, Jan.
London via Ports	Phenius	B. & S.	28, Jan.

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Seattle via Japan	Protesilaus	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	28, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Euador	P. M. S. S.	3, Jan.
Victoria B.C. via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4, Jan.
South American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	4, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	10, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	11, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	17, Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Kamakura M.	N. Y. K.	23, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Persia M.	T. K. K.	27, Jan.
Seattle via Japan	Ixion	B. & S.	27, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	3, Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

AUSTRALIA.

Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	16, Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27, Jan.
Australia via Manila	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	13, Feb.

SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via S'cow	Jacob	J.C.J. L.	26, Dec.
Shanghai	Sunning	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Kailong	B. & S.	27, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	B. & S.	27, Dec.
Java and Makassar	Tjilatjap	J.C.J. L.	27, Dec.
Swatow/Singapore	Luchow	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Java	Tjimanook	J.C.J. L.	28, Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Phenius	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Kobe and Moji	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Shantung	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Yusang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Choyang	J. M. Co.	29, Dec.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	29, Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Somali	P. & O.	30, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Toss M.	N. Y. K.	31, Dec.
Kobe	Tjiliwong	J.C.J. L.	2, Jan.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Teenkai	B. & S.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Tjitaroom	J.C.J. L.	3, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	5, Jan.
Manila	Tuensang	J. M. Co.	8, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nyanza	P. & O.	7, Jan.
Manila	Ixion	B. & S.	11, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Atusta M.	N. Y. K.	13, Jan.
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AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. "EUADOR" left Shang-
hai Dec. 21, for Hongkong via Manila,
and is expected to arrive here Dec. 25,
and will leave for San Francisco on
Wednesday, January 3, at noon.The Pacific Mail Co.'s S.S. "COLOMBIA"
will leave San Francisco for Hongkong
on March 10, via Honolulu and Japan
Ports.The S.S. "CHINA" arrived in San Fran-
cisco on Tuesday, December 12, in
accordance with schedule, and will sail
from there on Friday, December 22.
She is due to arrive in Hongkong on
January 20, 1917.The Pacific Mail steamer "VENEZUELA"
which left Hongkong December 12, left
Yokohama for San Francisco via Honolulu
at 3 p.m. December 21.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. S. "NOVARA" left Shang-
hai for this Port on the 25th instant, at
11.30 a.m. with the Homeward English
Mail, and is due here on the 28th instant
at about 6 a.m.

TIDE TABLE.

From 18th Dec. to 24th Dec., 1916.

Day	High Water Hongkong Time	Low Water Hongkong Time
Mon. 18	11.40	5.40
Tues. 19	12.10	5.10
Wed. 20	12.40	4.40
Thurs. 21	1.10	4.10
Fri. 22	1.40	3.40
Sat. 23	2.10	3.10
Sun. 24	2.40	2.40

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VESSELS IN PORT.

Wahai, Br. S. 438, Baiton, 4th Sept.—
"Vango" Bay, 5th Aug. Gen.—B. L.
Yokohama M. Jap. S. 120, Koda, 9th Dec.
—Moji, 1st Dec. Gen.—M. B. K.
Belawan, Br. S. 177, Simpson, 16th Dec.
—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—J. M.
Daisichi M. Jap. S. 188, Fukui, 18th
Dec.—Saigon, 9th Dec. Bice—M. B. K.
Foshing, Br. S. 113, Hay, 19th Dec.
—Saigon, 11th Dec. Bice—V. O. S.
Kyohe M. Jap. S. 2, O. Fuku-shima,
19th Dec.—Bangkok 24th Nov. Bice—
M. B. K.
Dra'ar, Nor. S. 1104, H. 10th Dec.
—Swatow, 15th Dec. Gen.—T. & Co.
Mexico M. Jap. S. 334, Yawarashi,
20th Dec. Teco ma, 19th Nov. Gen.
—O. S. K.
Uir, Nor. S. 585, Aswoe, 20th Dec.
—Bangkok 6th Dec. Bice—Chi ew
Wellowra, Br. S. 1336, Pritchard, 20th
Dec.—Singapore, 14th Dec. Bice—Order
Japan, Br. S. 53, O'Sullivan, 21st Dec.
—Saigon, 11th Dec. Bice—O. S. K.
Tjitaroom, Br. S. 5019, Bowman, 21st
Dec.—San Francisco, Gen.—J. C. J. L.
Uruman M. Jap. S. 1330, Ogawa, 21st
Dec.—Moji, 15th Dec. Gen.—
M. B. K. K.
Bani M. Jap. S. 1368, Morita, 21st
Dec.—Saigon, 15th Dec. Gen.—D. & Co.
Famun, Br. S. 1410, Maitin, 21st
Dec.—Saigon, 15th Dec. Bice—J. M.
& Co.
Glenfalloch, Br. S. 1424, MacKenzie,
21st Dec.—Singapore, 15th Dec.
Gen.—China.
Haitan, Br. S. 1183, Hogin, 22nd Dec.
—Swatow, 21st Dec. Gen.—D. L.
& Co.
Phanpueh, Br. S. 1065, Major, 22nd
Dec.—Saigon, Bice—China.
Paoting, Br. S. 1190, Barlow, 22nd
Dec.—Swatow, 21st Dec.—B. & S.
Shanai, Br. S. 1178, Simon, 22nd Dec.
—Hongkong, 20th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Telamon, Br. S. 134, Fraser, 22nd
Dec.—Saigon, 15th Dec. Bice—
China.
Tydeus, Br. S. 4796, Wallace, 22nd Dec.
—Singapore, 15th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Tean, Br. S. 1440, Finlayson, 22nd Dec.
—Manila, 19th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Kwaila, Br. S. 1073, McCarty, 23rd
Dec.—Wahai, 17th Dec. Gen.—
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Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date	From
J.C.J. L.	Tjitaroom	6,692	Dec. 26	Java
B. & S.	Phenius		Dec. 27	Liverpool
P. M. S. S.	Euador		Dec. 28	San Francisco
J.C.J. L.	Tjiliwong		Dec. 28	Java
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Kobe
P. & O.	Nyanza		Dec. 31	Bombay
B. & S.	Teenkai	4,929	Jan. 2	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ixion	10,230	Jan. 3	Seattle
G. L. & Co.	St. Albans		Jan. 6	Australia
P. & O.	Somali		Jan. 11	Kobe
P. & O.	Malta		Jan. 14	Bombay
T. & S.	Antilo hus	9,028	Jan. 15	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ixion	10,220	Jan. 19	Manila
B. & S.	Telamon	4,509	Jan. 20	Liverpool
P. M. S. S.	China		Jan. 20	San Francisco
P. & O.	Euryades	5,73	Jan. 23	Liverpool
P. & O.	Nyanza		Jan. 25	Kobe
B. & S.	Namur		Jan. 28	London
B. & S.	Talhybius		Jan. 31	Seattle
B. & S.	Hysan	6,607	Feb. 3	Liverpool

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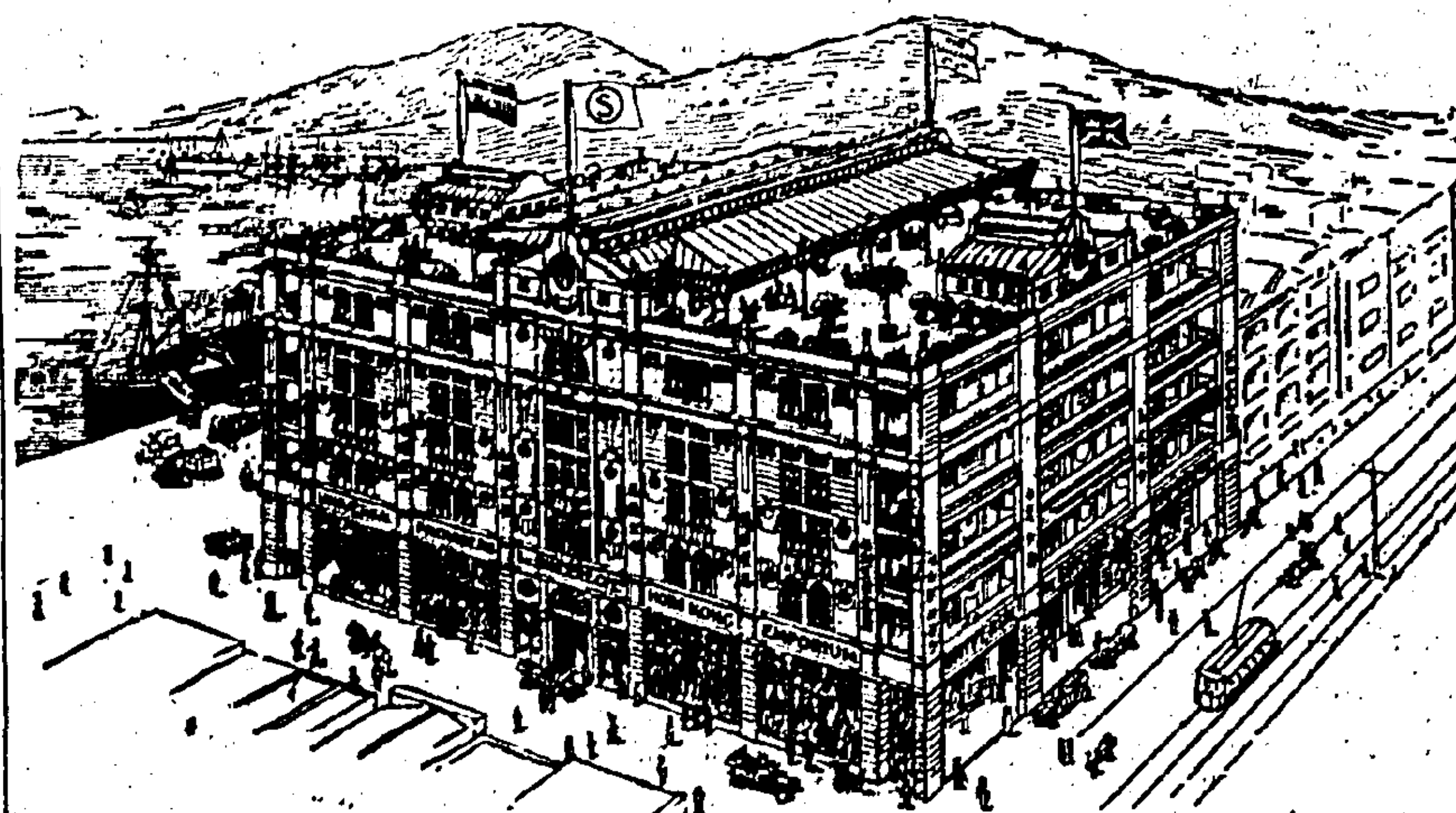
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Patent Slip, No. 2 Kowloon	250'	24'	25'	7' 6"	
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TELEGRAMS.

[Special Service to the Telegraph.]

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

Paris, December 23.

A communique states:—The enemy after a violent bombardment tried to approach our lines east of Aubertville in the Champagne. He was easily repulsed.

There has been a fairly lively enemy artillery action at Hardsmont and Chambray.

Paris, December 24.

A communique states that there is nothing important except a violent bombardment in the region of Hardsmont.

London, December 24.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We successfully raided trenches last night southward of Ypres, inflicting enemy losses.

There was considerable reciprocal artillery activity between the Ancre and the Somme, and at Loos.

We effectively bombarded trenches eastward of Berles and dispersed a large party of the enemy southward of Pys.

SUCCESSSES IN EGYPT.

London, December 23.

An official communication from Egypt states:—Our aircraft dropped a ton of high explosives on an enemy concentration at Maghdahah, causing many casualties.

We attacked Beersheba and Ajlaj and seriously damaged an important railway bridge at Tel-el-Sharia, northwards of Beersheba.

THE WINTER "BISLEY."

Volunteer Reserves Lead in First Event.

The Winter "Bisley" promoted by the Police Reserve is taking place on Stonecutters' range to-day, shooting commencing at ten o'clock this morning. His Excellency the Governor was early on the range.

Up to noon, the only event completed was the deliberate shooting from the 200 yards range, in which the Volunteer Reserves secured the lead in aggregate points. The scores were as follows:—

Volunteer Reserves.....	124
Police Reserve.....	113
Police Engineers.....	111
Volunteers.....	110

The highest individual score was made by Lieut. C. F. Goodman, of the Volunteer Reserves, with 33, Pte. A. Jenkins, of the same corps, following close on with 32. There was a tie for the third position between Lieut. Thornhill, of the Volunteer Reserves, and Jemadar Nizamuddin Khan, of the 18th Infantry, each scoring 31.

KAISERLICH MOUSTACHE.

City Volunteer Accepts Comrade's Apology.

On the suggestion of the Lord Chief Justice the slander suit brought by Mr. W. G. Collins, a City liveryman and a volunteer of the National Guard, against another member of the corps, Mr. G. W. Hill, of Highgate, was settled.

Mr. Collins, who belongs to a Somerset family with an ancestry of 200 years, has been the victim of mistaken identity. Mr. Hill had complained that there was a member of the same section of the corps who had a Teutonic accent, frequented a public-house, and when he became the worse for drink turned up his moustache like the Kaiser's. A Major Stephens, reporting on the matter to the Anti German Union, mistakenly identified Mr. Collins with this description.

Mr. Hill said he was willing all along to make a public apology, and now offered to indemnify Mr. Collins against all the costs of his action.

Mr. Home-Williams, K.C., for the plaintiff, said he was glad that the terms which were offered when the action was started had been accepted. Mr. Collins wished to clear his character, not to put money in his pocket.

Lord Reading, in approving the settlement, said the person in the section under suspicion was just as much above suspicion as the defendant was himself.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C. P. O. S. S. MONTAGUE left Vancouver on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at a.m.

The C. P. O. S. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN is due to arrive at Yokohama on Friday, Dec. 29, at daylight.

FROM THE PULPIT.

Household Religion.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday morning:—

Text:—Jeremiah 7/17. "See that you do not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the women knead their dough, and the fathers kindle the fire to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods."

Anyone who has been to a family picnic will see how true to life is the vivid picture in the text. Children are always ready to make a bonfire, if it is to boil a kettle so much the better. The cooking falls to the capable hands of the women members of the party, while to the men falls the easy but important task of engineering the actual conflagration:—"The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire and the women knead their dough."

In old Judea in Jeremiah's days this was all in honour of the "queen of heaven," the moon goddess, consort of Baal or Moloch the sun god and king of the celestial sphere. As a piece of nature worship it is in pictures que enough in its way, but it was associated with moral and social abominations too hideous to speak of.

Outside the city was a valley where the children who innocently gathered sticks for the moon festival were forced into the red-hot jaws of an iron image of the Sun-god, until King Josiah put an end to it and made the place the city refuse heap where fires day and night consumed the rubbish, the "Gehenna" where the fire is not quenched, symbolic of the eternal destruction decreed against sin.

These people were not simply heathen, but worse, being book-sliders and turncoats. Nevertheless, we may learn something from them, not only in warning but example. Let us look at two points in this light:

1. The place of religion in the household life. Perverted though they were these people did acknowledge the claim of the god they worshipped upon the life of the family, and the idea in itself is sound.

The king and queen of heaven stood for the fruitful powers of nature which filled men's hearts with food and gladness, hence these offerings of cakes and wine in family festival.

It is the family rather than the individual which is the true unit of the State, and the breaking up of the family means chaos in society. Under God the stability of our nation's life depends on the sacredness of its hearth, and the training and discipline which centre round them. In the Bible we find God dealing with persons, and with their households; His promises are given to men, and their children's children. Our Saviour came into this world as a member of a human family, and that, significantly, a poor one. We find Him subject to parents, and dwelling with brothers and sisters; He made a practice of sharing the home life of the people as He went about in His earthly ministry. Later we hear of the baptism of converted households; the Apostles have much to say about the Christian ordering of homes; the Church itself is habitually spoken of as a home, a household.

We do well to reflect on these things. There is much in the life of to-day which makes against the best life of the family, as indeed against everything which stands for peaceableness and self-possession and self-control. Many homes have far too much of the hotel about them; there are too many people who seem too busy to make friends with their own children; there are too many people ready to pick up any acquaintance that may offer from outside; to the neglect of those with whom their lives are bound up in the homes they were born in. We plead for the deepening of home piety, as the reliable bond of

household life. Too frequently, however, the home is a mere life without any definite association with Christian worship and ordinances, though they may have been married at Church to a matter of form.

Then children are left to haphazard or the Sunday School for all they may ever pick up of religious knowledge or nurture. One thinks of these things and much more like them, and it is but too easy to read a modern mocking into this ancient text, beholding the sacred institutions of the household lowered toward the level of a pagan sacrifice on the altar of unconsecrated love.

2. The share of every member of the household in its religious life. Children, fathers, mothers, all have their part to play in these festivals of the moon-god; and the idea in itself is right. With the fathers, of course, lies the ultimate responsibility; it may not be a great thing just to take a match and kindle the fire, but after all it is the critical thing, and no home can be what it should be without the concurrence of the head of it. When the census papers came round some years ago a man told me he had discovered from them that he was the head of the household; up till then he had understood it was the baby! Well, the law regards the man as head for general purposes, but numbers of men seem to pass the position over to their wives so far as religion is concerned. It is possible the grey mare may sometimes be the better horse, but a man ought to give a lead in his own house as regards the highest things, and no one will be more grateful for his doing so than his "better half" as a rule. Men put a very unfair burden upon their wives when they leave all the religious teaching and three-quarters of the example to them. Bravely as they carry it, God only knows how it bows their hearts. How can a man expect his own to gather any other impression than that everything to do with religion is only a matter for the women and the "kiddies" with such an example before them? They will find out the fatal delusion some day no doubt, but only after it is nearly too late, and then lives have been pretty well ruined.

In fairness it must not be forgotten that the thing sometimes works the other way. The conventional figure is that of the good woman hindered by an indifferent or ill-doing husband, but there are also men whose inclinations to godliness are damped and thwarted by the opposition of wives, and may the Lord help the well-doing man who is yoked to a silly, selfish, coarse-minded woman! No woman shows herself so utterly foolish as one who discourages her husband in the profession and practice of piety; verily she pulls down her house with her own hands, and as for the religious training of children, if the mother who is always with them (except when the snail has got them) is incapable or indifferent, the best father in the world has but a poor chance.

Then the children. The Kingdom might come with observation if we made it a right of them. But I do not emphasize that to-day, because there is too much inclination by far to treat the faith all through as people are used to treating Christmas, quite a nice thing for the younger generation. I am reminded of the starting of a temperance society in one of Sir A. Gifford's books. It was warmly taken up in the local public house, the landlord became the president and all the old toppers were the first to sign the pledge, which intemperate abstinence on all the people of the village under fourteen and on nobody else. If parents find their boys and girls treating Christianity as a school subject to be dropped when the years of tutelage are over, they have only themselves to blame.

Germans in Mongolia.

Information received at Harbin from U. S. naval states that several German ships have penetrated from China into Mongolia with a view to establishing connections in regions bordering on Russia and carrying on a propaganda in them.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

R.G.A. v. Shrophires.

Under the auspices of the United Services League, the R.G.A. played the K.S.L.L. at Happy Valley on Saturday and a large crowd of spectators gathered to see a game which was full of interest, though, as regards goal-scoring, there was little doing. The offensive was immediately assumed by the Shrophires, who forced the Artillery to bring all their men into play to prevent disaster. As is known, they have always a good defence to put up, but on Saturday they played in a really remarkable manner. Gifford, in the R.G.A. goal, was superb, as usual, and it was wonderful to see with what skill he fended out many a dangerous ball, the result of a well-directed kick. Just before the interval, the Artillery defence had to play as they probably never had done before, but they withstood the test in a highly commendable manner.

On the resumption, the game was still of the hammer and tongs order, but the play was mostly in the R.G.A. half. Play shortly afterwards was transferred into the Shrophires' territory, and although they made strenuous efforts to save themselves and get back into the position they had held from the commencement of the game, Pritchard got the ball and slammed it through into the net. The game ended with the Artillery leading by one goal to nil.

R. E. v. Navy.

There was some quite interesting play to be seen in the match between the Royal Engineers and the Navy, which took place on the Navy ground on Saturday. The soldiers won easily, but a certain amount of skill was shown by the Navy players. Millard early started the scoring, beating Crocker with a shot that the goalies managed to touch but not stop. The soldiers pushed harder still after this success, and not long afterwards Townsend, from a pass from Scott, recorded a second. Another goal followed, the Navy being able to do little against the sappers, notwithstanding the fact that the soldiers were two of their regular main short.

In the second half, the soldiers' defence, if anything, was slightly better, but they were no nearer getting to their desired objective than they had been in the first half. Although the Navy put their best into the play, the soldiers moved yet another point. It was now seen that so far as attack was concerned the Navy were hopeless, and they concentrated their efforts afterwards wholly on defence. The soldiers won by 4 goals to nil.

CRICKET.

Civil Service v. Craigengower. These teams met on the Civil Service ground, the visiting team securing an easy victory with five wickets to spare. Scores:—

Civil Service:	
R. C. Whitwell c. Norris b. Southerton.....	26
E. W. Hamilton b. Pestonji.....	18
C. Sara. lb. w. Southerton.....	13
C. F. Mason c. b. Pestonji.....	24
P. T. Lambie b. Southerton.....	3
R. E. O. Bird c. Pestonji b. Southerton.....	9
C. J. Tachio c. Norris b. Pestonji.....	12
F. Bacon c. Thompson b. Pestonji.....	2
J. W. Franks c. Thompson b. Southerton.....	0
J. Deane c. Bradbury b. Southerton.....	0
R. Duncan not out.....	0
Extras.....	9
Total.....	112

Bowling Analysis:—	
Southerton.....	16
Pestonji.....	38
Abbas.....	1
Extras.....	4

Craigengower:	
J. Jex c. Lambie b. Whitwell.....	19
B. D. Norris c. Hamilton.....	22
W. Bradbury c. Bird b. Hamilton.....	26
R. Pestonji c. Mason b. Whitwell.....	0
R. Bess not out.....	1
F. Thompson not out.....	25
G. Southerton b. Whitwell.....	18
Extras.....	5
Total.....	116

Bowling Analysis:—	
Southerton.....	16
Pestonji.....	38
Abbas.....	1
Extras.....	4

Craigengower:	
J. Jex c. Lambie b. Whitwell.....	19
B. D. Norris c. Hamilton.....	22
W. Bradbury c. Bird b. Hamilton.....	26
R. Pestonji c. Mason b. Whitwell.....	0
R. Bess not out.....	1
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G. Southerton b. Whitwell.....	18
Extras.....	5
Total.....	116

Bowling Analysis:—	
Brayshay.....	12
Dixon.....	11
Extras.....	4

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

Successful "At Home" on Saturday.

There was a large attendance at the Kowloon Cricket Club ground on Saturday, when an "At Home" was held to mark the close of the summer tournaments, and when golf, tennis and croquet prizes were presented.

Tennis and croquet competitions were held, in the former case a team captained by Mr. B. D. Evans playing in a spoon competition against a side captained by Mr. J. V. Bragg. After a very pleasant afternoon's play the former side won by 88 games to 64. The teams were:—Messrs. B. D. Evans (captain), Dr. Woodman, W. R. Farmer, H. Forster, E. J. Edwards, A. B. Bryson, J. Ralston, and L. J. Blackburn; Messrs. J. V. Bragg (captain), J. Hyde, H. H. Taylor, W. Kay, K. Macaskill, A. W. Davidson, W. T. Elson, and J. M. Jack.

In the croquet spoon competition the teams captained by Mr. A. O. Brown and Mr. T. F. Claxton drew, each scoring 35 points. In consequence of this it was decided to present the spoons to the ladies taking part.

All the conclusion of the afternoon's play the prizes won in the various summer tournaments were presented by Mrs. Forsyth, the successful players being as follows:—

Golf.—The H. H. Taylor cup won by H. Overy, and K. McLennan; runners-up, J. P. Robinson and D. J. McKenzies.

Tennis.—Double Handicap, won by J. Stalker and H. H. Taylor; runners-up, R. Abraham and A. W. E. Davidson. Singles, won by N. J. Austin; runner-up, W. Farmer.

Croquet.—Championship, won by E. V. Carmichael; runner-up, A. O. Brown. Handicap singles "A," won by A. O. Brown; runner-up, J. Mead. Singles "B," won by F. P. Loftey; runner-up, A. Bryson. Handicap Doubles "A," won by T. F. Claxton and B. D. Evans; with a special prize to Mrs. Hall, Doubles "B," won by Mr. and Mrs. Mead, with a special prize to Miss Lesbirel.

At the conclusion of the presentation the customary cheers were given and the goods, which were left over from the previous evening's Christmas Draw, were sold by auction on behalf of War Charities, some good prices being paid.

L. A. Rose, Rumjahn, D. Kharas and A. Abbas did not bat.	
O. B. W.	
E. W. Hamilton.....	10
R. E. O. Bird.....	7
R. G. Whitwell.....	9
Total.....	26

University v. Military.	
On the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday, the University secured a comfortable victory over the Military. Brayshay contributed very materially to the success, being top scorer with 42 and capturing seven of the Military wickets for 33 runs. So res:—	
University:	
J. D. Wright, c. Wahl b. Baker.....	23
R. Ponsbury, c. b. Smith.....	2
G. E. Marley, b. Waterson.....	4
K. Brayshay, c. b. Baker.....	42
Ng Sze Kwong c. Wyatt b. Palmer.....	22
A. de Sousa, lb. w. Lawrence.....	0
Chow Yat Cheong, c. Wahl b. Lawrence.....	4
D. P. Dixon, b. Lawrence.....	0
W. Hall, c. Palmer b. Baker.....	6
W. Gittens, c. Lawrence b. Palmer.....	0
S. A. Ismail run out.....	0
Extras.....	16
Total.....	119

Bowling Analysis:—	
Smith.....	5
Waterson.....	7
Baker.....	7
Lawrence.....	4
Palmer.....	1
Extras.....	3

The Military:	
Wyatt c. Gittens b. Dixon.....	27
Dix c. de Sousa b. Brayshay.....	0
Li Baker c. b. Ponsbury b. Palmer.....	4
Brayshay.....	42
Li Wahl b. Dixon.....	1
Smith c. Gittens b. Brayshay.....	7
P. G. Gittens b. Brayshay.....	3
McGregor c. Brayshay b. Dixon.....	17
Lawrence not out.....	1
Goddard b. Brayshay.....	10
Palmer c. Marley b. Brayshay.....	0
Waterson c. Ismail b. Brayshay.....	4
Extras.....	2
Total.....	77

Bowling Analysis:—	
Brayshay.....	12
Dixon.....	11
Extras.....	4

Bowling Analysis:—	
Brayshay.....	12
Dixon.....	11
Extras.....	4

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TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

His Majesty's Message to the Services.

His Majesty the King has sent the following Christmas message to the Services:—

I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured and for your unflinching cheeriness.

Another Christmas has come round and we are still at war. But the Empire, confident in its resources, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you.

GEORGE R. I.

[TO THE SICK AND WOUNDED.]

At this Christmas time, Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their sufferings, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmas and many happier years to come.

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THE CINEMATOPHAGS.

Victoria.

The Victoria Theatre has been undergoing a process of re-decoration and now looks extremely smart. We are asked to mention that, during the small-pox scare, the greatest care is being taken to disinfect the theatre daily. The Christmas matinee was a very great success, the customary distribution of toys being carried out on even a more magnificent scale than usual. At night the house was fairly well filled, and the Band of the 18th Infantry was in attendance. A splendid programme was provided, which included two coloured films: "The Island of Kyushu," and a dainty fairy play: "Winged Gold."

Another important feature was a two-part comedy "Pierrot Disillusioned," in which the celebrated actress Miss Napierkowska appears.

Bijou.

The Bijou has been well filled over the Christmas season, and has offered a very bright little programme, including a first-class sensational film: "The Detective's Daughter," "Tweedledum Looking for a Job" and the dramatic picture "Satan's Castle."

Hongkong Theatre.

At the Hongkong Theatre there was a special Christmas matinee, at which toys and sweets were liberally distributed to the children. The programme was a good one, including, in addition to the 18th and 17th episodes of "The Diamond from the Sky," a two-part comedy: "The Bohol Girl," and a most interesting gymnastic film.

Christmas.

Christmas Day was marked by ideal weather. Outdoor sport was largely indulged in, and in a quiet way, the usual festivities were observed at night. There were special dinners served at the various hotels and cafes, while at the Hongkong Hotel there was an informal dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by residents and visitors.

The management at the Hotel House made special arrangements for the celebration of Christmas and large parties who visited this well-known hotel during the festive season thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The establishment was beautifully decorated on Christmas Eve by Madame Frit and Mr. Chopard, there being holly and mistletoe in abundance, while the lounge was resplendent with flags of all the Allies. The band from the Empress of Russia with national airs and played special selections of music, dances being held on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A new social room has been opened which has already met with great success, quite a number of people frequenting for social intercourse. Residents in the Colony will be pleased to learn that the management of the hotel have decided to suspend the festivities on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

December 21.

In the House of Lords, Lord Islington, replying to a question, said that the Imperial Institute aimed at being the clearing house for information regarding raw material produced in the Empire. He emphasised especially the steps being taken in India to develop raw material. A large and representative committee had been appointed for India to inquire into the promotion of inter-Imperial trade, and had appointed a special sub-committee to investigate special trades. One of the main objects of inquiry was to find Imperial outlets for products which formerly went to Germany, especially hides from which the best leather was produced. The committee had made great progress in preparing a scheme which it was hoped would result in hides being made into leather in this country more largely than before.

Lord Islington hoped that the Raj would largely contribute to the Institute and that the Dominions would make larger contributions.

December 21.

Outlines of the Government's war work scheme are given as follows:—
All males between 17 and 60 are required to enrol before Advisory Committees in the various centres. Then Mr. N. Chamberlain's department will decide what industries, apart from war work, are essential, and the proportion of workers they require. The non-essential industries will be shut down. For instance, the tinplate trade—it is not intended that tin plates shall be used any longer in packing tobacco, mustard and such like commodities. The skilled workers will be thus released for steel work. There will be a register in every locality of war, industrial or productive requirements. Mobility of labour will be stimulated by the transference of batches to places where they are urgently required. Power will be taken to billet workers on private houses. The workers will be paid trade union rates, plus half-crown daily separation allowance where homes are divided, and railway fares. If the number of volunteers is insufficient, the Government will apply compulsory powers.

PRICE OF WHEAT TO BE FIXED.

December 21.

Mr. Prothero, President of the Board of Agriculture, has announced that the Government intends to fix the price of wheat at 60s. a quarter.

The Government prices of other products will be announced shortly.

Waste land will be used to grow foodstuffs.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

December 21.

The following sinkings are reported: The steamers Flimston and Blair Hall (British), Taki Maru (Japanese) and Prima (Norwegian).

PEACE NOTES AND THEIR CRITICS.

London, December 21.

Further German comment on Mr. Lloyd George's speech reveals contradictory views on Britain's attitude. For instance the "Vossische Zeitung" describes the reply as a flat refusal, while the "Boersche Zeitung" says that the matter is still undecided.

Rome, December 21.

The entire press praises Mr. Lloyd George's reply on the peace question.

Ottawa, December 21.

All the newspapers praise the speech as inspiring greater sacrifice and renewed confidence.

London, December 22.

The passage in President Wilson's note to which the greatest exception is taken here is the assertion that the declared objects of the belligerents on both sides are virtually the same. "Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of the weak peoples and small states as secure from aggression and denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful belligerent States." It is everywhere asked when has Germany shown any regard for weaker States. It is pointed out that the actual evidence is absolutely contrary, and the fact that President Wilson ignores this is keenly felt.

Paris, December 22.

The "Temps" says that President Wilson made a fundamental mistake in disregarding the essential fact that one side deliberately broke the peace, while the others did their utmost to safeguard it. Whatever President Wilson's intentions were, he ought to have foreseen the consequences of his action.

London, December 22.

The papers, reverting to President Wilson's note, emphasise the striking unanimity of the whole British press comments thereon.

They consider that President Wilson and Mr. Lansing have done themselves less than justice.

The King's speech is regarded as an effective answer to the note, stating in simple and dignified language the unalterable resolve of the Empire in a sacred cause.

The London correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News" writes that the purpose of the note is most friendly to the Allies. President Wilson is seeking to induce Germany to state her real terms, whereupon he will appeal to the people to join the Allies.

The "New York Times" says that President Wilson wrote the note with the object of getting light on Germany's real purpose, as a response to the Allies' known advance.

The "New York World" states that if Germany resumes her ruthless submarine campaign the American people must decide between force and peace at any price.

New York, December 23.

There is a feeling of bewilderment bordering on indignation, especially in conservative and financial quarters, at the effects of President Wilson's note, upsetting the market and making a mournful Christmas for tens of thousands of hitherto prosperous Americans.

The motives for President Wilson's note are the absorbing topic of the country. Mr. Lansing's comments only increased the mystification.

The "Tribune" states that Mr. Lansing's "verge of war" announcement wholly transforms the character of the President's action. Neither President Wilson nor Mr. Lansing can now refuse to explain who is threatening the United States.

The "Boston Transcript" says that the effects of the unfriendliness which President Wilson's note will generate in the States will plague the people of the United States so long as Wilson is President.

The majority of the newspapers, however, continue to support President Wilson, on the ground of humanity.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE SILVER MARKET.

December 21.

Messrs. Montagu's report that the market is quiet, and supplies rather scanty, although there was some profit-taking by Indian bazaar and other holders. There was some general demand, more or less active each day. Consequently the mintage purchases have not been large. However, this is unimportant in view of the Raj's purchase of 3,000 bars at Bombay. The approach of the holidays tends to restrict local business.

MILITARY OFFICERS' CONDUCT.

December 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson, Under Secretary for War, announced that results had been arrived at, at the War Office Courts, in the inquiries particulars of which were cabled last August. The Courts' findings had not yet been published.

He informed the House that "the lady in the case was outside jurisdiction." The Government's displeasure had been conveyed to Major-General Sir John Cowans, who would remain at his post as Quartermaster-General temporarily, in the country's interest. General Sir Henry Mackinnon (Commander-in-Chief of the Western command) had retired under the age limit and no action was possible or desirable. Colonel D. Radcliffe had been removed from his command.

Mr. Macpherson referred to the undisclosed action in the case of Brigadier Owen Thomas, and added that action in this case was due to military requirements. He paid a tribute to the Brigadier's services in Welsh recruiting.

FRENCH WAR TAXES.

December 23.

The French Chamber has passed a war tax on men not serving, including a fixed duty of 12 francs, as well as an increase of 25 per cent. in the income tax.

AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN POLITICS.

December 23.

A Vienna communique states that the primary duty of the Government will be to feed the people; also it will aim at the restoration of full constitutional conditions and the conclusion of a treaty between Hungary and Austria, with a view to closer economic conditions.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" doubts whether the Czechs will like the new Premier, Herr Martinic, who, it is predicted, will bring Austria salvation. It says he was formerly an Austro-Hungarian separatist, but possibly the war has changed his views.

THE PRICE OF THE "TIMES."

December 22.

The "Times" announces a probable further increase in price in view of possibly more stringent restrictions on the import of paper and paper making material.

OBITUARY.

London, December 22.

The death is announced of General Sir Henry Brasnell, K.C.B.

[General Tuson served in many campaigns, including that of China (1855-60) in which he was mentioned in despatches and received a medal with two clasps. He was 60 years old at his death.]

Paris, December 23.

The death is announced of Mr. James O'Kelly, Nationalist M.P. for County Roscommon since 1893. He was born in 1845. The death is also announced of Dr. Charles Russell, L.L.D.; the well-known journalist; born 1840; was Editor of "Glasgow Herald" from 1887 till 1906; President of the Institute of Journalists 1892-93.

A DESTROYER'S HERORISM.

December 23.

A correspondent describes the heroism of rescuing the crew of the oil-tanker "Conch," which was torpedoed at 11 p.m. on Dec. 7.

A Destroyer at 3 a.m. observed a huge conflagration while travelling at a speed of eight knots. She went towards it at full-speed and was horrified to see thirty men huddled forward. Three steamers a quarter of a mile distant, had been for hours powerless to approach the lakes of fire from the oil which was welling from the vessel's sides.

There was a nasty sea, running and the "Conch" was lurching in all directions.

Thrice the Destroyer crossed her bows, sending overboard rafts, and bouys.

Many of the crew jumped for them and were saved. After two hours all the life-saving apparatus had gone, the Destroyer most magnificently and daringly went alongside and took off the nine men still on board.

Ten minutes later the "Conch" disappeared.

OBJECTIONS TO CHINESE LABOUR AT HOME.

December 23.

A joint conference of representatives of the miners, railway men and transport workers passed a resolution against the movement to import coloured labour into Britain and protesting against the extended use of Chinese and other Asiatics on Admiralty transports and merchantmen, until the services of British and friendly alien seamen are utilised to the fullest.

THE SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

Dunedin, December 23.

The "Aurora" has sailed for Ross Sea to rescue the Macintosh party with Sir E. Shackleton aboard.

HOLLAND PREPARED.

The Hague, December 22.

In the Second Chamber the War Minister said that since the war he had always felt that Holland's turn might come any day. He assured the House of the preparedness of the Dutch forces.

JAPAN AND THE PEACE QUESTION.

Tokyo, December 23.

The Foreign Minister, interviewed by Reuter's correspondent, said that no peace was possible except on terms on which the Allies had wholeheartedly agreed.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS. S. \$735

MARINE INSURANCES.

Cantons n. \$400

North China n. \$152

Unions s. \$321

Yangtses n. ex 73 \$325

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fires n. \$155

H.K. Fires n. \$375

SHIPPING.

Douglases b. \$118

Steamboats ss. \$20

Indos (Def.) b. \$138

Indos (Pref.) n. \$46

Shells n. 108/-

Ferries s. \$39

REFINERIES.

Sugars b. \$129

Malabons b. \$374

MINING.

Kailans n. 36/-

Langkats n. \$214

Raubs n. \$240

Tronohs b. 27/-

Urals n. \$279

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.

H.K. Wharves ss. \$86

Kowloon Docks b. & ss. \$129

Shai Docks b. \$89

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals s. \$101

H.K. Hotels s. \$115

Land Invest. ss. \$95

H'phreys Est. n. \$680

K'loon Lands s. \$35

Shai Lands n. \$191

West Points s. \$85

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos n. \$155

Kung Yiks n. \$15

Shai Cottons b. \$1174

Yangtszepoos n. \$15

MISCELLANEOUS.

Borneos n. \$84

China Light & P. b. \$476

Providents n. \$881

Dairy Farms n. \$251

Green Islands b. & ss. \$12

H.K. Electrics n. \$58

H.K. Ice Co., n. \$160

Ropes n. \$344

Steel Foundries n. \$934

Trams, Low Levels. \$760

Trams, Peak, old n. \$10

Trams, Peak, new n. \$1

Laundries n. \$31

U. Waterboats n. \$1700

Watsons b. \$62

Wm. Powells b. \$525

Morning Posts n. \$29

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Demand 2/4 13/16

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4 m/s 2/5 1/16

T/T Shanghai 2/5

T/T Singapore 102

T/T Japan 111 3/4

T/T India 175 3/4

Demand, India 176

T/T San Francisco 57

T/T Java 137 1/2

T/T Marks 3/3

T/T France 3/3 1/4

Demand, Paris 3/3 1/4

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C 2/5 9/16

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6 m/s. L/C 2/5 13/16

30 d/a. Sydney & 2/5 13/16

Melbourne 58 1/4

30 d/a. San Francisco 58 1/4

Island New York 58 1/4

4 m/s. Marks Nom.

4 m/s. France 3.45

6 m/s. France 3.57

Demand, Germany 57 1/4

Demand, New York 57 1/4

T/T Bombay 173

Demand, Bombay 173

T/T Calcutta 176

Demand, Calcutta 176

Demand, Manila 114

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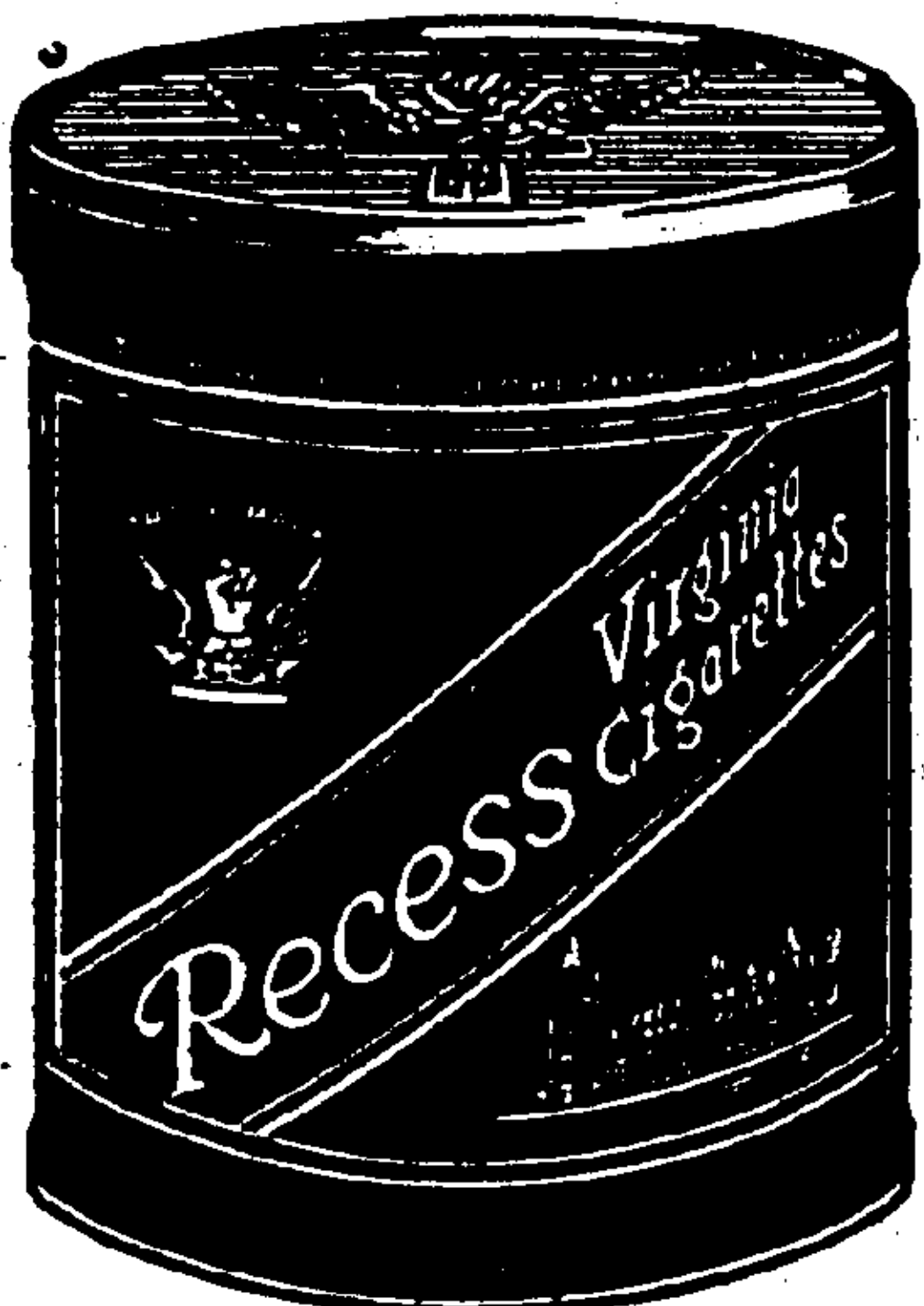
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**NOTICE OF SALE OF
MOTOR TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.**
SEALED bids plainly marked "Bids for purchase of P. I. Motor Transportation Equipment," will be received at the Office of the undersigned and at the Office of the American Consul General at Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore, until December 30, 1916, for the purchase, subject to prior sale, of the following units of motor transportation equipment owned by the Government of the Philippine Islands, to wit:—

No.	Articles (Yorkshire Patent)	Manufacturers' capacity.	Unit Cost Price delivered at Manila in 1913.	Total Cost Price delivered at Manila	Location (Where may be inspected)
6	Steam Wagons	3 ton	P7,773.87	P46,643.22	Manila, P. I.
3	Trailer	2 ton	1,135.96	3,407.88	Manila, P. I.
1	Steam Wagon	3 ton	7,773.87	7,773.87	Iloilo, P. I.
1	Trailer	2 ton	1,135.96	1,135.26	Iloilo, P. I.
1	Steam	3 ton	7,773.87	7,773.87	Baguio, P. I.

The above motor transportation equipment was manufactured by the Yorkshire Patent Steam Wagon Co. (The Yorkshire Commercial Motor Co.), Leeds, England, under what is known as the "Yorkshire Patents," and was purchased from the manufacturer by the Government of the Philippine Islands in 1913.

All of the equipment is in good serviceable condition and the six steam wagons and three trailer wagons in Manila have had but little use in the past 18 months and have recently been repaired and overhauled in the Government Machine shops and are in first class condition.

The equipment is not constructed so as to conform to the requirements of the motor vehicle Law of the Philippine Islands and a condition of the sale will be that said equipment will not be used upon the public highways of the Philippine Islands.

Bids will be received for the purchase of all or any part of the above described equipment. The terms of the sale will be cash upon delivery at Manila. All bids must be accompanied by a draft or certified check payable to the "Treasurer of the Philippine Islands," for 10% of the amount of any bid as a guarantee that delivery of said equipment will be received at Manila, and payment made therefor, within sixty days after notice is received of the acceptance of any bid.

To facilitate the dispatch of notice of acceptance or rejection of any bid, all bidders residing outside of the Philippine Islands should give the name and address of a representative in the Philippine Islands to whom notice may be given.

All certified checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned with notice of the rejection of their bid.

The right is reserved to sell privately at any time, all or any part of the above equipment, or to reject any or all bids received, or to accept such bid or bids as in the opinion of the undersigned are most advantageous to the Government of the Philippine Islands.

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Manila, P. I.

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POST OFFICE.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Monday the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m. There will be one collection and one delivery of Ordinary Correspondence as on Sunday. There will be a delivery of Registered Correspondence at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agulhar Radio Telegraph Station:—
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MAILS DUE.

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

MAILS CLOSE.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA M., 17th Dec., 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard & Haiphong—Per HANOI, 27th Dec., 9 a.m.
Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 17th Dec., 9 a.m.
Macassar, Sourabaya, Samarang & Batavia—Per TILITAP, 27th Dec., 10 a.m.
Philippine Is.—Per TEAN, 27th Dec., 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Swatow—Per LUCHOW, 28th Dec., 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay, Durban, J. Haverburg, Cape Town & United Kingdom—Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec., 9 a.m.
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TJIMANOEK, 28th Dec., 10 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Yokohama, Vancouver, United States, Central & South America & United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 28th Dec., 10.30 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.

[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 30th Dec.]
Swatow, Amoy & Fuchow—Per HAITAN, 28th Dec., 11 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China, (Europe via Siberia)—Per SHANTUNG, 28th Dec., 11 a.m.
Letters 11 a.m.

[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Monday, 1st Jan.]
Straits, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay, Durban, J. Haverburg, Cape Town & United Kingdom—Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec., 11 a.m.
Letters 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 29th December.

Straits, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay, Durban, J. Haverburg, Cape Town & United Kingdom—Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec., 11 a.m.
Letters 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 30th December.

Japan via Miji—Per HOKUTO MARU, 30th Dec., 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2nd January.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Miji, Victoria & Tacoma—Per MEXICO M., 2nd Jan., 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.

The Late General Tsai Ao.

The native press report:—The remains of the late General Tsai Ao were to be sent away from Shanghai in the morning of the 15th December but owing to the accommodation on board the gunboat Tera not being satisfactory the programme has been changed and the remains will leave Shanghai on board the O.M. steamer Kiangkwang on the morning of the 17th December. The cortege will leave the Guild Hall of the Szechwan merchants near the New Recreation grounds at 8 a.m. of that day. There will be a simple funeral procession followed by representatives of many public bodies in Shanghai and military bands, etc.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Chiyuen, Chi., sa. 1177, Wilka, 23rd Dec.—Shanghai, 20th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Chofu, M. Jap., sa. 931, Kida, 23rd Dec.—Saigon, 13th Dec., Gen.—China S. Eastern, Br., sa. 40, Carter, 23rd Dec.—Kobe, 15th Dec., Gen.—C. I. & Co.
Hiasung, Br., sa. 1187, Kennedy, 23rd Dec.—Sardakan, 17th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Hanol, Fr., sa. 739, Morvan, 23rd Dec.—Haiphong, 21st Dec., Gen.—Marty.
Klein, M. Jap., sa. 3501, Sasaki, 23rd Dec.—Singapore, 16th Dec., Gen.—N.Y.K.
Kusichow, Br., sa. 1430, Martin, 23rd Dec.—Saigon, 17th Dec., Gen.—C. I. & Co.
Kum'ang, Br., sa. 7077, Wheeler, 23rd Dec.—Singapore, 16th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Mayori, M. Jap., sa. 2302, Tairauchi, 23rd Dec.—Tutcorin, 25th Nov., Gen.—N.Y.K.
Nippin, M. Jap., sa. 3070, Maki, 23rd Dec.—San Francisco, 25th Nov., Gen.—T. K. K.
Tenshin, M. Jap., sa. 2490, Shirai, 23rd Dec.—M. J., 17th Dec., Gen.—N.Y.K.
Brinkburn, Br., sa. 244, Proctor, 24th Dec.—Mila, 19th Dec., Gen.—C. I. & Co.
Bombay, M. Jap., sa. 1351, Shinohara, 24th Dec.—Singapore, 14th Dec., Gen.—N.Y.K.
Chai Tak, Amer., sa. G. Heros, 24th Dec.—Saigon, 17th Dec., Gen.—Order.
Empress of Russia, I. R., sa. 16810, Robinson, 24th Dec.—Manila, Gen.—C. P. O. S.
Joshin, M. Jap., sa. 1155, Naruhima, 24th Dec.—Swatow, 23rd Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.
Kaifeng, Br., sa. 1700, Evans, 24th Dec.—Haiphong, 21st Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Laertes, Br., sa. 1310, Jenkins, 24th Dec.—Saigon, 18th Dec., Gen.—China S. Eastern, Br., sa. 1130, Tucker, 24th Dec.—Saigon, 18th Dec., Gen.—C. I. & Co.
Shanlung, Br., sa. 1568, Meathrel, 24th Dec.—Amoy, Gen.—B. & S.
Tjimanoe, Dut., sa. 351, Koes, 24th Dec.—Amoy, 15th Dec., Gen.—J. J. L.
Tjilatjap, Dut., sa. 2500, Burgans, 24th Dec.—Moj, 19th Dec., Gen.—J. J. L.
Yaching, Br., sa. 1424, Anderson, 24th Dec.—Singapore, 17th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Choy ang, Br., sa. 1420, Woodgett, 25th Dec.—Swatow, 24th Dec., Gen.—Order.
Chefoo, Chi., sa. 681, Thomson, 25th Dec.—Saigon, 18th Dec., Gen.—China S. Eastern, Br., sa. 1053, Shkemoto, 25th Dec.—Keelung, 24th Dec., Gen.—Order.
Ido, M. Jap., sa. 1581, Tashiro, 25th Dec.—Singapore, 17th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.
Kenkon, M. Jap., sa. 11, 25th Dec.—Chinwang, 17th Dec., Gen.—D. & Co.
Kwath, Chi., sa. 1136, Sewart, 25th Dec.—Shanghai, 22nd Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Kwang, Br., sa. 148, Barkus, 25th Dec.—Haiphong, 21st Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Jacob, Dut., sa. 1876, Bauer, 25th Dec.—Singapore, 18th Dec., Gen.—J. C. J. L.
Shawhai, g. Chi., sa. 767, Remslend, 25th Dec.—Tien, 19th Dec., Gen.—Chinese.
Takung, Br., sa. 997, Matthews, 25th Dec.—Haiphong, 21st Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Shaoching, Br., sa. 1570, Hobbs, 25th Dec.—Saigon, 16th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 22.
Musun M. for Wakamatsu
Dec. 23.
Castia for Balikpapan
Happi for Batavia & via Swatow
Fochow for Hongkong
Tsun M. for Hongkong
Kashang for Saigon
Wingang for Shanghai via Swatow
Tenshin M. for Bombay via Singapore
Tkal M. for Miki
Yerang for Manila
Chipang for Hongkong
Turgwah for Shanghai
Lokang for Haiphong via Heliow
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 23rd at 11.35—Pressure has decreased considerably at Weihaiwei, moderately on the east coast of China and slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone has again weakened and has moved eastward; it is now central over south Japan. Depressions are indicated to the north of the Gulf of Pecheu and to the N.E. of Japan.

The monsoon will be interrupted along the China coast, but moderate to fresh north easterly winds will prevail over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.05 inch. Total since January 1st, 72.85 inches, against an average of 82.85 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.
Hongkong to Gap Rock. E. & N.E. winds; moderate; cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel. N.E. winds; fresh.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
December 24, 4 a.m.

Station.	Bar. meter.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
Wankow	30.07	29.57	75	W	6
Hankow	30.07	30.09	75	W	4
Shanghai	30.10	30.10	75	W	1
Kobe	30.15	30.15	75	W	1
Nagasaki	30.19	30.19	75	W	0
Kagima	30.16	30.16	75	W	1
Cebu	30.10	30.10	75	W	1
Manila	30.03	30.03	75	W	1
Batavia	30.02	30.02	75	W	1
Chesoo	29.97	29.97	75	W	10 b
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Hankow	30.07	30.07	75	W	1
Shanghai	30.10	30.10	75	W	1
Kobe	30.15	30.15	75	W	1
Nagasaki	30.19	30.19	75	W	0
Kagima	30.16	30.16	75	W	1
Cebu	30.10	30.10	75	W	1
Manila	30.03	30.03	75	W	1
Batavia	30.02	30.02	75	W	1
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Kobe	30.15	30.15	75	W	1
Nagasaki	30.19	30.19	75	W	0
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C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 23, 1916.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4 Direction of Wind, in two points.
5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloom, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	29.95	30.05	30.02
Temperature	67	65	69
Humidity	67	65	59
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	4	3	3
Weather	c	b	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open air temperature on the day	67	65	69
Lowest	61	59	61

H.K. Observatory, December 15, 1916.
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